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Probe Seen as 'Problem for Psychiatrists'--Editor

Argentine in N.O. to Get Brent Award

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Most readers in Argentina have concluded that District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of an alleged Kennedy assassination plot is "a problem for psychiatrists," a leading Argentine editor said here on Tuesday.

Dr. Juan S. Valmaggia, executive editor of Buenos Aires' "La Nacion," said the original conclusion of his correspondent stationed in New York is that the probe is an "adventure book."

Valmaggia, in New Orleans to receive the Theodore Brent Inter-American Award for 1966 from International House, also said in a press conference that a recent vote condemning Castro subversion in Latin America is "a sterile step."

He referred to the vote of the ministers of the Organization of American States 10 days ago in Washington.

The agreement was "to condemn forcefully" Castro-Communist subversion and to impose limited sanctions against non-Communist ships sailing to Cuba.

FAVORS OAS ROLE

By a 20-0 vote, the ministers denounced Cuba's "acts of repeated intervention and aggression" in Latin America.

However, the votes are recommendations only to the hemisphere republics and are not compulsory.

Valmaggia said he doesn't favor a proposed inter-American peace force but instead an OAS with more power to enforce its decisions.

He added that a resolution which would allow the Cuban question to be taken to the United Nations would only give Castro "another place to present his arguments."

Valmaggia, a leader in Argentine education, politics and civic activities, is to receive the Brent Award at International House Thursday night.

It is presented annually to a Latin American who "has rendered outstanding service toward better social, economic, cultural or political cooperation in the hemisphere."

After leaving New Orleans, he is to go to Miami, then on to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the annual meeting of the Inter-American Press Association.

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE president Richard L. Hindermann (left) presents Argentine editor Dr. Juan S. Valmaggia with first paperweight which will mark the 25th anniversary of IH in 1968. Dr. Valmaggia, executive editor of "La Nacion," Buenos Aires, will receive the Theodore Brent Inter-American Award for 1966 here on Thursday night.

INFLATION PROBLEM

Valmaggia said that Argentina's main problem today is fighting inflation and stabilizing the peso.

He said that Argentina's im-

proving position in world trade and President Juan Carlos Ongania's work to improve the money-losing railroad industry are signs of this.

He admitted that President Ongania isn't as popular as he was when he assumed power from the faltering administration of Arturo Illia, but still has the general support of the people.

Asked about when Ongania will again permit free elections in Argentina, Valmaggia said that "economic recuperation" must come first.

Of the Alliance for Progress, Valmaggia said it is having difficulties in the southern part of South America "but there is faith that it will be reborn. The main trouble is lack of money and we understand that is because the United States is fighting a war in Vietnam."

SAYS PRESS FREE

He said the Argentine press is a completely free one today, in contrast to 1950 when former dictator Juan Peron closed 150 newspapers there.

"The only newspapers which were allowed to print whatever they wanted were those in English," Valmaggia recalled humorously, from those otherwise grim days.

He said "La Nacion" was "intervened" but not shut down by the Peron government. Because of newsprint restrictions, "La Nacion" was down to six pages daily and also had a reduced circulation, he said.

At IH on Tuesday, Valmaggia received the first paperweight which will commemorate the 25th anniversary of IH in 1968. It is a gold coin encased in clear plastic.

The memento was given by IH President Richard L. Hindermann.

Capt. J. W. Clark, president of Delta Steamship Lines, is chairman of this year's Brent Award committee. Other committee members are W. T. Brown and Clyde Hendrix.

DINNER THURSDAY

On Wednesday, Valmaggia is to visit International Trade Mart and the office of Argentine Consul General Rafael M. Vazquez and the permanent exhibit of Argentine goods there.

The black-tie dinner at IH where the Brent Award will be given is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Valmaggia, who holds a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires, was president of the Newspaper Association of Argentina and has received awards from the Buenos Aires Press Club and Columbia University.

He has represented "La Nacion" at numerous IAPA meetings and has worked with the United Nations Education, Social and Cultural Organization and helped in seminars for visiting journalists.

Previous Brent Award winners included Roberto do Oliveira Campos, a noted Brazilian economist; Pedro G. Beltran, former prime minister of Peru and Jose Figures, former president of Costa Rica.